



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK

- WHEREAS: Central service technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment; and
- WHEREAS: Serving in settings that range from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, central service technicians provide essential support for patient care services; and
- WHEREAS: Central Service Department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and
- WHEREAS: The Central Service Department of a health care facility is at the center of operations involving medical instruments, supplies, and equipment required for operating rooms, endoscopy suites, intensive care units, birth centers, and other patient care areas; and
- WHEREAS: Central service technicians play an important role in providing optimal patient care and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and
- WHEREAS: Central Service Week offers an opportunity to recognize the contributions central service technicians make for ensuring patient safety, while also generating awareness for the opportunities and challenges facing health care professionals; and
- WHEREAS: During the week of October 14–20, organizations including the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management recognize International Central Service Week to encourage the general public to recognize the service of central service technicians; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 14–20, 2018, as CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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